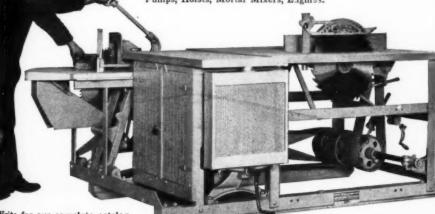
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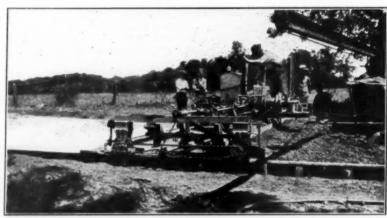
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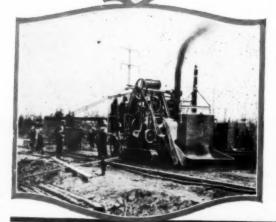
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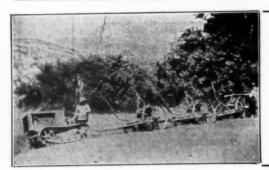
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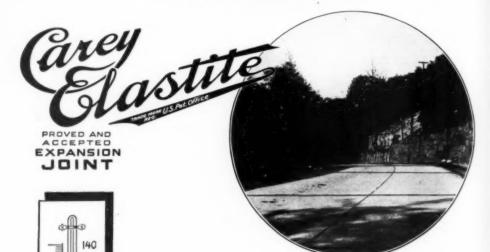
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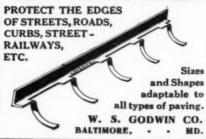
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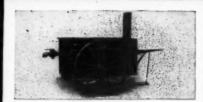
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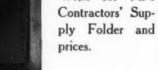
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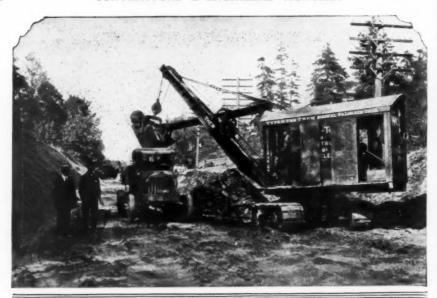
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## Constructing the New Covered Reservoir at Perth Amboy, New Jersey

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THE form and design of a forty-million-gallon unit of a water-distributing reservoir recently completed for the city of Perth Amboy, N. J., were made by George A. Johnson, who, as consulting engineer to the city, had investigated Perth Amboy's water-supply problem. As a result of his investigation, Mr. Johnson devised a comprehensive plan of developing an additional and adequate supply of water to meet the community's need for some time to come. This plan, in its realization, involves construction in several successive steps, to be timed with certain stages of water consumption by the community.

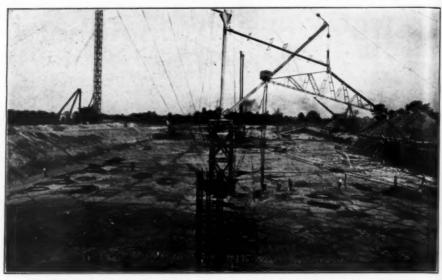
The first construction determined upon was that of a storage and distributing reservoir located on high ground near the northwesterly limits of the city. The ultimate required capacity of the reservoir was estimated at 160,000,-

ooo gallons, but on the basis of present water consumption it was decided to limit immediate construction to one unit of such a reservoir, sufficient for the storage of forty million gallons of water. Designs for this unit were prepared by Mr. Johnson, and in April, 1920, following the receipt by the city of competitive bids, the contract for its construction was awarded to The Snare and Triest Company (now Frederick Snare Corporation) of New York, the lowest bidder, at the price of \$1,005.566.

The unit which has been built is 900 feet long at full water-level, with width varying from 230 feet to 370 feet and a water depth of 25 feet. The variation in width is caused by following the line of the public highway bounding one side of the reservoir. Three sides of the reservoir are of compacted clay embankment



EXCAVATION 75 PER CENT COMPLETE FOR THE FIRST UNIT OF THE NEW PERTH AMBOY 160,000,000-GALLON WATER DISTRIBUTING RESERVOIR



EXCAVATION ABOUT 90 PER CENT COMPLETE—RESERVOIR FLOOR WITH PORTION OF REINFORCING IN PLACE READY FOR POURING CONCRETE

surmounted by reinforced concrete retaining walls 7 feet high, and the fourth side is a reinforced concrete wall slightly over 25 feet in height, which later will serve as a dividing wall between this unit and subsequent units. The roof and floor are flat-slab reinforced concrete construction, the roof being carried on reinforced concrete columns. The embankment-slopes within the reservoir are lined with plain concrete. The roof slab is covered with earth to a depth of 2½ feet. Air vents built into the roof project through the earth cover, and vitrified pipe underdrains are laid in the earth cover.

The work embraced under the contract included stripping 10,000 cubic yards of top soil, excavation of approximately 90,000 cubic yards of earth, mostly clay, construction of 40,000 cubic yards of compacted clay embankments, placing 2,000,000 pounds of steel, pouring 21,000 cubic yards of concrete, depositing 40,000 cubic yards of earth and top soil on the roof slab and outer slopes of embankments, and grading city property immediately adjacent to the reservoir. Included also in the contract were the furnishing and laying of cast iron pipe varying from 6 inches to 30 inches in diameter, for approximately 3 miles of street mains.

Top soil was stripped, using a Keystone grader equipped with a half-yard bucket. The soil was loaded by the grader into horse-drawn dump-trucks, which hauled it to storage piles along one side.

To one side of the reservoir site the ground sloped gently downward from the floor level. In excavating, the first cut with the steam shovel was made on this side. A box drain was laid

from this cut through the ground sloping away from the reservoir, and as the excavation on this side was always kept a little below the rest, the drainage of the entire basin area was toward this point. This lessened to a considerable extent the difficulty in steam shovel operation over a clayey bottom after heavy rainfalls.

After the top soil had been removed, excavation of earth proceeded, three steam shovels of the revolving type equipped with three quarteryard buckets being in use. The total depth to be excavated averaged about 10 feet, and this excavation was made in two cuts of 5 feet each. The first cut made was loaded by the shovels into dump-trucks and deposited in rolled embankments for the walls.

Embankments were built in layers evenly spread to a thickness of 6 inches before being compacted, and their tops were kept approximately level so as to avoid as much as possible erosion due to rain. Each layer deposited in the embankment was compacted by a heavy steam roller. In places where it was not possible to pass the roller, the earth was spread in layers 4 inches thick and compacted by hand ramming.

In making the second cut of 5 feet, the steam shovels loaded the earth into scale boxes placed on four-wheel flat cars operating over 36-inch gage double track laid on the bottom level. This double track extended from the shovel location to the partition wall side of the basin. On the bank along this side and back of the line of wall was operated a traveling stiff-leg derrick equipped with a 70-foot boom. The scale boxes were transported between shovel and derrick in two car trains, hauled by dinkies, and passing each other over the double track. The

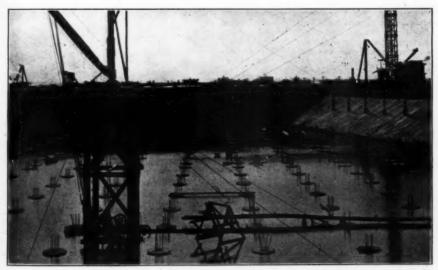
loaded scale boxes were hoisted from the cars by the derrick, dumped outside in a storage pile extending along the line of the wall and then returned empty to the cars below. The earth taken from this second cut was stored for use in the earth cover over the roof slab and for grading. The top soil previously removed has also been stored on this side of the reservoir within reach of the traveling derrick.

The construction of the concrete masonry followed the excavation and placing of embankments. The walls were first poured, then the column pedestals, floor slab, columns and roof slab. Deformed steel bars were used for reinforcement of the walls, and the columns were reinforced with round bars and hoops. In the floor and roof slabs the Smulski system of reinforcement, consisting of a combination of rings and radials, was used. There are three expansion joints separating the floor and roof into four parts of about equal lengths. panels are 18.5 feet square, except at the wall, where the span is shortened to about 16 feet, The roof slab is freely supported at the wall. Wooden forms were used for the walls, and steel forms for the columns. The roof forms were also of wood and were constructed in sections 25 feet high and 18.5 feet square, the side panels and heads being hinged in order to pass the form between columns when moving ahead. Before pouring the slab, the form was wedged to position, and when ready to move ahead, the wedges were drawn and the section advanced by means of timber dollies under each corner. As many as twenty of these forms were moved ahead in one day by eight men. All bending of reinforcement bars was done at the reservoir site. For the rings a power bender was used.

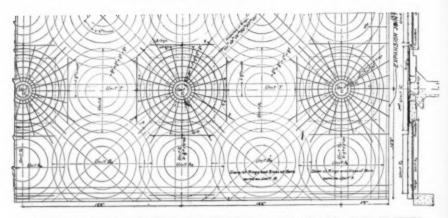
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The plant used in concreting was assembled at two timber towers, each 180 feet high, located on the bank opposite the dividing wall. One of these towers was shifted to a second position, so that virtually three towers in one line and spaced about 250 feet apart were used. mixed concrete was delivered through chutes extending across the basin from the tower and supported midway by a guy derrick. At the foot of each tower was a 1-yard Lakewood mixer, steam-operated, fed by a bin having a capacity of 100 cubic yards of gravel and 50 cubic yards of sand. A stiff-leg derrick with 75-foot boom and 3/4-yard clam-shell served the bin with aggregate, this being taken from storage piles within reach of the derrick. Near each tower was a cement shed of 8,000-bag capacity. Cement was delivered over an incline built from shed to mixer by a car operating on industrial track. The power required for hauling this car was supplied by the engine operating the mixer.

As sections of roof slab were completed, depositing earth cover and backfilling against the walls proceeded. As before stated, all the excavated earth stored for this purpose was piled outside the line of the dividing wall within reach of a traveling derrick which had been used to dispose of materials coming from the steam shovels. A traveling hopper was set up on the edge of the roof nearest this derrick, and the earth required for cover and backfill, as well as the top soil, was loaded through this hopper into dump-trucks and deposited by them over the roof and at the walls, a 2-yard clamshell bucket being used in conjunction with the derrick in this operation. Top soil was spread over the earth cover and on the outer slopes of



VIEW OF RESERVOIR FLOOR COMPLETED, WITH REINFORCING RODS PROJECTING FOR BONDING WITH COLUMNS—FIRST SECTION OF FORMS READY FOR ROOF



CONTRACT PLAN OF REINFORCING FOR RESERVOIR FLOOR, SHOWING VARIOUS UNITS

embankments and then sowed with grass seed.

The entire work was completed within the period of time specified in the contract, and the reservoir was placed in service on July 4, 1921.

George A. Johnson, the consulting engineer

who designed the reservoir, and Morgan F. Larson, City Engineer, supervised the work for the city of Perth Amboy. B. F. Robinson directed the work as superintendent for Frederick Snare Corporation.

### Prospects for Building Construction in American Cities

EONARD P. AYRES, Vice-President of the Cleveland Trust Company, Cleveland, Ohio, has made an extensive study of building construction before the war and since the war and the prospects of increased construction in various American cities in the next few years. As a result of this intensive study, a 35-page booklet has been published which contains a great deal of material of value and interest to the building contractor. The following paragraphs summarize the findings:

"I. Since the outbreak of the war in 1914 a great shortage of building construction has been accumulating in this country.

"2. A study has been made of the value of building permits in 50 large cities from 1900 through 1921, and by extending the general trend of the pre-war expenditures an attempt has been made to estimate what the volume of new construction would probably have been if the war had not occurred.

"3. The difference between the new construction actually undertaken in the six years from 1916 through 1921, and the amount that probably would have been begun if the war had not intervened, is so great that it is equal to 2.44 times the estimated normal construction for 1921.

"4. The existing building shortage in these 50 cities is so great that building could continue at about 25 per cent above its normal activity for ten years before it would entirely make up the deficit.

"5. To make up the indicated deficit in these 50 cities would apparently require about 1,256,000 building operations, of which 703,000 would call for the erection of new structures, and the remaining 553,000 for additions, alterations, etc.

"6. Of the 703,000 new buildings, about 303,000 would be residential, and the remaining 400,000 would be buildings of other sorts, of which a large majority would be garages. The 303,000 residential buildings would be largely one-family houses, but a sufficient number of them would shelter more than one family to furnish accommodations in all for about 424,000 families.

"7. Since these 50 cities include in their populations nearly one-fourth of all the people in the country, the figures that have been given may be multiplied by four to give a rough, although probably high, estimate of the building shortage in the entire country.

"8. Figures showing the annual course of the cost of building since 1840 indicate that the relative increase and succeeding drop in building costs at the time of the Civil War were similar to the corresponding price movements during and after the World War, but the latter were somewhat more violent.

"9. There is a great range in the average annual per capita expenditure for new buildings in these 50 cities. The lowest figure is \$12.07 for Fall River, the highest, \$64.31, is Los Angeles, and the average, \$30.84 for all the cities."

## Legal Points for Contractors

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## Compensation for Use of Contractor's Equipment in Completing Work

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An advance was made to a contractor on condition that his outfit, machinery, tools and equipment employed on the work under contract should remain available for use until completion of the work. Construing this agreement in the case of Johnston vs. Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pacific Railway Company, 240 Southwestern Reporter, 429, the Tennessee Supreme Court holds that on the contractor's abandonment of the work the owner was not entitled to use the equipment, etc., without compensation therefor to the contractor. The Court remarked:

"It was probably the intention of this agreement that, if complainant abandoned the work, the railroad should have the right to use his equipment to complete it, but it seems to us to afford no basis whatever for the claim that complainant was to have no compensation for its use. If this suit presented a claim by defendants for damages for breach of contract, it might be proper to set off any recovery under that claim against complainant's claim to compensation for the use of this equipment, but we have not to deal with that, as no claim for breach of contract is now presented."

#### Terms of Construction Bid Control as Against Contractor's Agreement

An advertisement for bids covering additions to a water-works system specified that before payment on the final estimate the contractor would be required to furnish a bond for satisfactory and efficient operation of the machinery and appurtenances for one year, and guaranteeing workmanship and materials on other portions of the project for five years. In the case of O'Reilly vs. City of Cambridge, 279 Federal Reporter, 961, the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, holds that omission of the requirement for the guaranty and maintenance bond in the formal contract entered into on acceptance of the successful bid did not eliminate it from the contractor's obligations. The Court said:

"This condition was a part of the same paper which contained O'Reilly's bid and the specifications and the blank contract. By such bid, O'Reilly accepted this condition. All of the bidders did the same. The giving of such bond would be a distinct burden on the bidder and a benefit to the city. Since the subsequently executed contract constituted no waiver of this condition, we must conclude that its acceptance

created a valid and continuing contract between the parties."

But it is held that the contractor's failure to give the bond did not preclude his recovery on the contract where no final estimate had been made, being withheld under a claim of defective construction; the court could protect the city by the exacting of a bond as a condition to entering judgment in favor of the contractor for the amount due him.

#### Governmental Interference as Excuse for Abandoning Contract

A contractor was justified in abandoning a contract to excavate a cellar and construct a wall, where the authorities of the city in which the work was to be done refused to issue a permit without expensive change in plans, and where the owner refused to stand the extra cost, holds the Rhode Island Supreme Court in the case of Di Biasio vs. Ross, 110 Atlantic Reporter, 415. The Court said:

"In the case at bar the plaintiff did not voluntarily abandon the work required under his contract, but was prevented from proceeding with it by order of the assistant building inspector requiring a footing wall to be placed under the cement walls. The plaintiff endeavored to agree with the defendant upon a price for the new work required, and upon failing to do this, and the defendant not offering to have it done, the plaintiff was justified in abandoning the contract and bringing suit to recover the balance due him for work and materials furnished."

#### Obligation to Keep Contractor Supplied with Materials in Performance of His Contract

Road contractors were denied the right to damages based on failure of defendant to keep them supplied with a sufficient quantity of gravel to keep their employees steadily employed, in the case of Brown & Froley vs. Monroe County Road Improvement District, 241 Southwestern Reporter, 39. The decision proceeds on the ground that the contract did not so require. The Court rules that it must be presumed that the parties were contracting with reference to all the conditions confronting them at the time, such as weather conditions and the difficulties to be encountered in obtaining gravel in sufficient quantities to keep the contractors' forces steadily employed. If the contractors intended that the road district should provide sufficient gravel at all times to keep their men busy, then they should have seen to it that the contract contained such a provision."

#### Awarding Contracts on Items Not Included as Part of the Successful Bid

A section of the Ohio statutes requires the director of public service to award municipal construction contracts to "the lowest and best bidder." It is held by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, in the case of O'Reilly vs. City of Cambridge, 279 Federal Reporter, 961, that where defendant asked itemized bids on additions to a waterworks plant, the director reserving the right to reject any and all bids or defects in the same, the inclusion of an item of wooden pipe in contracting with the successful bidder on the main part of the work was not improper, although he had bid on iron pipe; the wooden pipe being contracted for at the price bid by the lowest bidder on that item. Referring to the statute in question, the Court says:

"One well-known purpose of such a provision is to prevent favoritism among those seeking public contracts. It is at once obvious that the decisions which have reference to the awarding of a unitary contract for one matter, and some of the principles involved in such decisions, have no application to a case where it was contemplated from the beginning that the contract would be awarded in fractions according to discretionary grouping of the fractional bids. Under such circumstances the right of the director to reject any and all bids gave him the right to accept part and reject part of one bid, provided that it did not result in the separation of items which were in fact rather

#### Assignment of Contractor's Interest in Funds

necessarily associated."

A Construction company agreed to build a road for a county under a contract re-serving 10 per cent of all sums falling due on monthly estimates until completion of the work. Ascertaining that there was about \$4,700 in this reserve fund, a bank lent \$2,200 to the company on a note pledging as security the "account due from estimates from the County Court," The loan was used in carrying on the work. Later, the company became bankrupt and question was raised concerning the right of the bank to a lien on the reserve fund on its passing to the construction company's trustee in bankruptcy. The trustee asserted that the pledge failed to attach because at the time the note was given there was nothing then due and payable to the construction company. However, the Unittd States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia sustains the validity of the bank's claim, saying, in part (In re Duncan Construction Company, 280 Federal Reporter, 205):

"There is no doubt but that the contractor, subject to the rights of the County Court under the contract between the Court and the contractor, had the right to assign, either as collateral security or fully and completely, the reserved 10 per cent then in the hands of the County Court. Of course, if the contract had not been finally completed, and the amount of the reserved money had not become due upon a

final estimate, then such an assignment would have had no effect, and would have been of no value; but where, as in this case, the contract was fully completed, and the final estimate, including the reserved 10 per cent, was paid to the trustee, then the assignment by the contractor thereof was valid and binding. This reserved 10 per cent then stood as an unmatured liability of the County Court to the contractor, and as such was assignable, and was the only asset of the kind which was assignable, at the time the note was given and the notice of such assignment accepted by the County Court."

#### Municipal Power to Control City Contractors' Wage Scales

The city of Milwaukee adopted an ordinance providing that "all skilled laborers employed on any work done by or for the city or for any contractor or subcontractor . . . on any building or improvement, or work on roads, bridges, sewers, alleys, buildings or other public work, shall be paid . . . not less than the prevailing wage . . . to be determined by the wages paid to members of any regular recognized organization of such skilled laborers, etc. Upsetting this provision as constituting an unwarranted delegation of the Council's powers to labor unions, the Wisconsin Supreme Court nevertheless recognizes that a council may, for itself, determine a minimum wage scale applicable to its own employees and also require its contractors to observe the scale. (Wagner vs. City of Milwaukee, 188 Northwestern Reporter, 487.) In the course of its opinion, the Supreme Court observes that the action of the Council in adopting the ordinance and a resolution under it, fixing certain wages on the same basis as local union wages, amounted "to nothing less than a surrender by the members of the Common Council of the exercise of their independent, individual judgments in the determination of a matter of legislative concern and an agreement that, if they act upon the subject at all, the determination of such outside body rather than their own shall control.'

#### Right of Contractor to Sublet Work

There are numerous court decisions establishing the general rule of law that a construction contract does not imply that all of the work is to be done by the contractor. It is held by the courts that, unless the contract provides to the contrary, the contractor may sublet any part of the work. (Neeley vs. Searight, 15 Northeastern Reporter, 598. Reed vs. Conway, 26 Missouri Reports, 13. Drumheller vs. American Surety Co., 71 Pacific Reporter, 25.) The same rule appears to be followed by the Canadian courts, for it was decided by a Manitoha court in the case of MacKissock vs. Black, 3 Dominion Law Reports, 653, that a contractor is justified, in the absence of express agreement to the contrary, to sublet such portions of the work as are usually undertaken by special trades.

## **Underpinning With and Without Compressed Air**

Difficult and Dangerous Work Done Safely and Efficiently by the Breuchaud Pneumatic Process and with Other Compressed Air Equipment

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VERY little constructional engineering work is more difficult and troublesome than underpinning tall and heavy structures, and none is considered more undesirable by engineers or contractors, who are likely to lose heavily both financially and in reputation through difficulties and developments which they may not be able either to forsee or overcome. Generally such work is necessitated by emergency and must often be executed under adverse conditions, with insufficient information for the preparation of preliminary plans.

Ordinarily, underpinning has heretofore been done by elaborate methods that temporarily increase the instability of dangerous structures which the work is planned to eventually safeguard. The danger is eliminated and the operations simplified when the work is done by the Breuchaud cylinder and compressed air pro-



DRIVING STEEL PILES IN CELLAR

A group of long, hollow steel piles driven in a pit in the cellar of a building by a heavy compressed air hammer suspended from the basement fleer and working with very small clearance



EXCAVATING FOR THE SUBWAY UNDER CITY HALL, PHILADELPHIA

New foundations were successively built up on either side to help carry the building load

cess, which is well adapted to the most difficult conditions, even those that make the application of the old methods very costly and dangerous, or impossible.

Underpinning in its broad sense is replacing, repairing or sometimes only safeguarding the wall or pier footings of a building, bridge or other structure. It is required for various reasons, including the inadequacy or unreliability of existing foundations because of defects of design, material or workmanship; deterioration; increased load; change in support under the foundations; present or threatened softening, scouring, or bleeding of the material liable to cause undermining and settlement; vibrations due to impact or other disturbances; adjacent excavations; the increase or elimination of ground water; or to various other causes. Underpinning operations are likely to be more difficult and dangerous the taller and heavier the structure, the deeper the foundations, the more delicate the contents of the building, the closer and more important the adjacent structures, and the softer and more treacherous the soil.

Foundations for structures on land or in the water are of three general types, namely: those carried down to rock; those supported by the bearing power of the soil, either near the surface or in pits; and those supported wholly or

largely by the frictional resistance of the soil, as is the case with many pile foundations and some pier or caisson foundations that are sunk through soft materials and do not reach a hard

stratum.

Foundations on rock seldom or never need underpinning if properly designed and constructed. Foundations with their bearings on the natural soil are most likely to need underpinning, especially if near the surface, if the soil is of a treacherous nature, or if it is disturbed by subsequent operations near-by at a level below the bottom of the footings. Frictional foundations are generally carried down so deep that they are beyond the influence of ordinary operations in the vicinity, and are most likely to need underpinning on account of changes in their loadings or through the deterioration of the foundations themselves, as may occur when wooden piles decay.

#### Ordinary Underpinning

The first step in underpinning is to make an accurate survey of the structure and record all existing injuries and imperfections, so as to locate the weak points and incipient failures and quickly detect new or progressive injuries during the underpinning operations; the second is to remove obstructions and secure access to and clearance for the work; the third, to strengthen and safeguard the building against any injury or loss of stability possible from the subsequent underpinning operations.

It is sometimes necessary to repair not only the foundation, but the building itself, and to brace the walls thoroughly and shore them before even an examination can be made. After this is done, excavations are generally made around the old foundations, exposing them for inspection, repairs or replacement. If they can be partly or wholly replaced or extended to rock or satisfactory hard stratum at a moderate depth, this is ordinarily done in successive sections; if not, they may be carried down to better bearings at what is considered a safe depth, or they may be strengthened, extended, or protected according to requirements.

#### Ordinary Shoring and Underpinning

The most common way is to transfer the weight of the superstructure to the temporary new surface foundation, remove the old foundation, excavate to satisfactory bearing, construct new foundations there, transfer the weight of the building back to them and remove the temporary supports. This involves "shoring," or the temporary support of the structure, and underpinning proper, or the actual revision of the foundations.

Often the wall is braced with inclined exterior adjustable struts, and holes are cut a few feet apart in the walls just above the foundations, and in them are inserted transverse beams or girders, called needles, with their ends carried on timbers that distribute their loads over the surface of the ground at a distance from the wall. Jackscrews or their equivalents are operated under the ends of the needles to lift the wall slightly, usually developing a crack between it and the foundation, and

permitting the latter to be removed and a trench excavated under the wall between the

needle supports.

In the trench the new foundation, usually of concrete, is built up to the needles and between them, close to the old wall, which is thoroughly wedged to bear upon it, after which the needles are slightly lowered, transferring the weight of the wall to the wedged support and imposing concentrated loads on the new footing which tend to develop any potential settlement there and produce permanent equilibrium. The needles are then successively withdrawn and replaced by completing the intermediate portions of the foundation and wedging them tightly against the bottom of the wall, thus completing its support.

During these operations it is necessary to constantly take measurements and to adjust the jackscrews to compensate any settlement. Carelessness is likely to result in serious cracks

or destruction of the walls.

#### Simple Needle-Beam Method

Underpinning a tall, heavy building under the most favorable conditions by the oldfashioned method is illustrated by the Decker Building, New York, with a 13-story brick wall, 100 feet long, that weighed, with its load, about 30 tons per linear foot, besides containing iron columns carrying loads of 500 to 650 tons each. The wall was temporarily supported on double tiers of 15-inch I-beams 28 feet long, with each end carried on four lines of 12x12-inch timbers parallel to the wall. These, in turn, were carried on 20-ton and 5ton jackscrews placed as close together as could be conveniently operated on a plank platform on top of a pair of lower parallel sills on timber cribs built on concrete piers carried down to solid rock in sheeted pits.

After the needle-beams under a section 30 or 40 feet long were jacked up to lift it 1/8-inch, the footings were removed and a trench was excavated from 5 to 15 feet deep to rock between the cribs, and new foundations were built in it. As soon as the new masonry was hard enough, the weight of the wall was transferred to it from the needles, compressing the new brickwork a fraction of an inch, and the needles were removed, their places filled by extensions of the new foundations and the operations repeated on successive sections of the wall until the whole was finished. During the operation temporary loads of pounds per square foot were carried on the foundations, and accurate levels were taken daily on fourteen bench marks. The wall was thoroughly braced by inclined struts and by heavy horizontal timbers reaching across the cellar excavation.

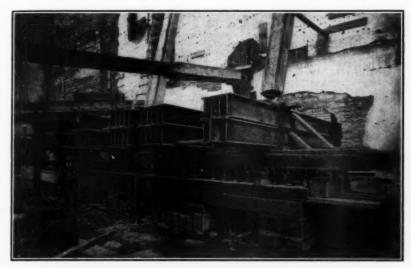
#### The Breuchaud Method

The Breuchaud method of underpinning, which has been very extensively used for some of the tall buildings in New York, eliminates the delay, danger and expense of shoring and of disturbing previous old foundations. It consists essentially of jacking down hollow

cylinders under the old foundations until they reach satisfactory bearing and are filled with concrete and adjusted to permanently support the weight of the wall. This process employs the weight of the structure itself to afford reaction for the jacks, does not involve the removal of any appreciable amount of the old foundation bearing or the disturbance of the footings, and therefore does not impair the original support of the building.

It provides increased rather than diminished support during the process of underpinning, and has the very great advantage that it occupies the minimum possible amount of space for the underpinning work and may be done wholly wall and distribute the pressure over a sufficient area to provide for the reaction of the jacks in forcing down the cylinders.

The cylinders, from 30 to 80 inches in diameter, are usually of steel pipe with sleeve joints for the smaller sizes and of cast iron with interior bolted flanges for the large sizes, and are used in sections from 3 to 12 feet in length. They are sunk with open ends, permitting the material encountered to rise inside and be frequently cleaned out at intervals between the jacking or while the jacks are being shifted. For the smaller sizes the material is generally excavated with scoops of other special tools or blown out by compressed air, care being



UNDERPINNING A THIRTEEN-STORY BRICK WALL WITH I-BEAMS

The wall was temporarily supported on double tiers of 15-inch I-beams with each end carried on four lines of 12 x 12 inch timbers parallel to the wall. The timber cribs rost on concrete piers carried down to solid rock

from either face of the wall. It does not necessarily require the use of any needle-beams, inclined struts or any other shoring, and may be done on the exterior face of the wall without entering the building or may be done from the interior of the building without at any time occupying the exterior space.

at any time occupying the exterior space. In many cases in New York City old footings were carried to ground-water line, and in order to avoid difficult excavation and pumping in the bottom of the pit, the jacks are often installed above the bottom of the old footing. For this purpose the face of the footing, and perhaps the lower part of the wall, is recessed to form a chamber from 2 to 4 feet wide and deep, and from 5 to 8 feet in height, large enough to receive the first section of the cylinder, jacks and reaction beams seated above it. At the top of this vertical recess there is cut a horizontal recess in which are seated one or more I-beams to take bearing against the

taken, if the bottom of the pipe is in a quicksand stratum, to avoid a run-in of quicksand that might cause injurious settlement to adjacent structures or to the foundations of the building itself.

If the pipe has a diameter of 30 inches or more, it is possible for a man to enter and excavate the material by hand, depositing it in a canvas bag, which is hoisted through the pipe and emptied. As the sections of the pipe are driven down, additional sections are connected on top and flange-bolted to them for the larger sizes.

#### Pneumatic Pressure Applied

When the lower section reaches groundwater level, a special upper section is installed, having top and bottom horizontal diaphragms with gasketed air-tight doors, both opening downward. This section is fitted with valves and gages and serves as an air lock through which a man enters the cylinder after air pressure is applied to expel the water from the lower part of the cylinder. In this way the cylinder can be sunk a maximum of 100 feet through water and quicksand to bearing on bottom that can be carefully examined and leveled, and in some cases covered with thick plates to increase the bearing and strength of

the lower end of the cylinder.

This method was invented by Jules Breuchaud, President of the Underpinning and Foundation Company, who first applied it to the underpinning of the 114-foot-high brick wall of the Queen Building, New York, the original footing of which rested on fine sand above ground-water level and about 36 feet above the rock. The footing, 8 feet wide, was subjected to a load of about 12,000 pounds per square foot and was underpinned by cast iron cylinders 33 inches in diameter that were

loaded to about 350 tons each.

The same process was used for underpinning many other tall and heavy buildings in the financial district of New York, previous to making deep excavations alongside or sinking caissons in quicksand for the foundations of new buildings that would inevitably cause some subterranean displacement of soil and bleeding of fine wet sand likely to produce settlement in the old buildings and subject them to heavy stresses, distortions and serious injury. In doing this work, compressed air was freely used, not only for expelling the water in the cylinders, but for operating drills with which the masonry was honeycombed and broaches with which the brick-work was cut Later it was found generally cheaper, quicker and more advantageous to drive small and more numerous piles with air-operated hamners, and to clean out the material with compressed air blow-outs, which obviated ex-cavating and hoisting equipment. In any case, a very small working force suffices, and is divided into units of two or three men who are operating the compressed air drills and broaches for honeycombing the masonry where recesses have to be cut in the old wall. Another group places the reaction beams, handles the cylinders and acts as general utility men, and the third group consists of one compressed air man and two jack men to drive the cylinder under the wall. Besides this, there is probably one man at the derrick hoist and perhaps one

or two extra men and a superintendent. Usually, however, two or more cylinders are driven simultaneously at points as widely separated as convenient, and an extra group of excavating and jacking men, drillers and broachers are required for each simultaneous

The cylinders are always driven at least to bearing on the hard-pan and frequently are carried several feet through the hard-pan onto the solid rock immediately underlying it or perhaps separated from it by a pocket of quicksand. In some cases the cylinder might reasonably be stopped soon after penetrating the hard-pan and the remainder of the excavation made beyond their lower ends, but it is generally customary to carry them to the extreme bottom of the pit, and thus secure the benefit of the compressive strength of the cylinder metal throughout the full length of the column. The cylinders are generally driven by one or two 60-ton or 1co-ton hydraulic jacks, sometimes operated by hand with two men each, and sometimes operated by a pump actuated by compressed air, necessarily provided for the interior of the cylinders,

In some cases walls so dilapidated that they would not hold together unless continuously supported, have been successfully underpinned by this method, even when it was necessary, as in the case of the work done for buildings adjoining the Mutual Life Insurance Building, New York, to strengthen and even encase the lower part of the wall by pairs of deep plate girders bolted to and through it, and providing satisfactory bear-

ings for the hydraulic jacks.

After the cylinders are driven to satisfactory bearing on the rock surface, they are filled with concrete, and heavy iron or steel cap plates are seated on them, bedded in grout. Connections are then established between the cap plates and the reaction beams by means of short vertical steel columns, securely wedged to bearings, adjusted to take the required proportion of the weight of the walls. The recesses in the brick work around the beams and struts are afterwards filled solid with new masonry and grouted, completing the work.

Acknowledgment.—Illustrations by courtesy of Compressed Air Magazine.

## **Bucyrus Enlarges Plant**

The Bucyrus Company, South Milwaukee, Wis., is making extensive enlargements to its plants at South Milwaukee, Wis., and Evansville, Ind. In the South Milwaukee plant, where all the larger machinery is built, a new gray iron foundry, 276 feet in length, is now under construction. The old gray iron foundry, now the south end of the steel foundry, is being converted into a cleaning room with annealing ovens, sand blast rooms and a welding

room. A large addition is also being made to the steel foundry moulding floor, and an electric furnace is being installed. Extensive improvements are also being made in the foundry storage yards.

At the Evansville plant, which specializes in the manufacture of small revolving shovels, the machine and erecting shops are being considerably enlarged to enable the company to handle its increasing shovel business.

## Bituminous Road Treatment---Materials and Apparatus

THERE are various kinds of bituminous material now in use for road treatment. First, there are the thinner or lighter grades of asphaltic oils or tars, the thinnest of which may be applied cold, and others at a comparatively low temperature. Such materials are chiefly used for dust laying or temporary surface treatment for the preservation of the road surface. Secondly, there are the heavier forms of petroleum asphalts and natural asphaltic products and also the heavier grades of refined tar. Such materials are used for road construction or surface treatment or for more permanent maintenance. All such material must conform to certain required specifications, which vary somewhat in different localities, while in a general way they are similar.

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while in a general way they are similar. The success of all kinds of road building depends very largely upon proper foundation and drainage. There is such a diversity of climatic effects, nature of soil, subsurface drainage conditions, character of traffic, etc., that the method of construction or treatment must depend upon the ability, experience and judgment of the engineers in charge of the work. Fundamentally, extreme care should be taken to ascertain with the greatest possible accuracy the existing conditions, and to construct the foundation properly and of sufficient stability to sustain present and future traffic.

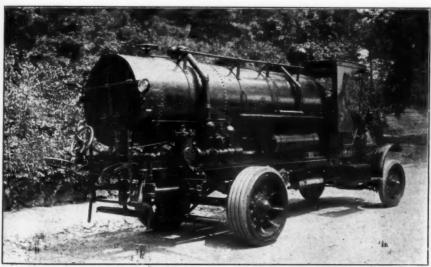
The common bituminous pavements are bituminous macadam, in which the binder is applied by the penetration method; bituminous surface over cement or brick base; bituminous surface over water-bound macadam; bituminous treatment over broken or scarified macadam; and bituminous treatment of sand or gravel roads.

#### Bituminous Macadam

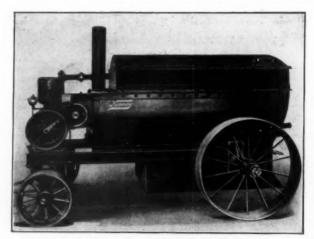
Bituminous macadam is best constructed by applying the heavier bitumens, after they are properly liquefied by heat, evenly and uniformly upon successive layers of broken stone which have been placed upon an adequate foundation. Each layer is properly rolled by a steam roller until of uniform contour and well compacted. The heated bitumen should be applied by mechanical sprayers so constructed as to force the material as deeply as possible into the voids or interstices between the stone and to cover thoroughly each fragment of stone with bitu-The successive applications will then form a homogeneous mass, thoroughly compacted by rolling. The bitumen should be applied under pressure at as high a temperature as practicable without injury to the material. The total amount of bitumen used in all of the applications will average one to two gallons to each square yard of surface, or as conditions may require.

#### Bituminous Surfacing for Brick and Cement Roads

The bituminous surface over a brick or cement road is especially adapted to roads having to sustain heavy traffic. It affords a



A KINNEY ROAD OIL, TAR AND ASPHALT DISTRIBUTOR, AS USED BY MANY ROAD DEPARTMENTS AND CONTRACTORS



HORSE-DRAWN TYPE OF PRESSURE DISTRIBUTOR

practically noiseless, dustless and water-proof surface which may be economically renewed as required. In applying it, the cement or brick surface is thoroughly swept and flushed with water to remove all dust and extraneous material, then sprayed with bitumen heated to about 250 degrees Fahrenheit, in the proportion of about one-quarter gallon to the square yard of surface. This is then covered with stone chips or clean gravel to prevent adhesion to the wheels of the roller. Another coat is then applied in the same manner and the same proportion, covered with gravel or chips, and thoroughly rolled, producing a smooth and evenwearing surface.

#### Treating Old Water-bound Macadam

In the bituminous treatment of a water-bound macadam road the surface is thoroughly swept, removing all loose material and even exposing the top course of broken stone. It may then be sprinkled with water, and while wet, sprayed with bitumen heated to about 300 degrees Fahrenheit in the proportion of about one-half gallon to the square yard, or two successive applications of one-quarter gallon per square yard, and covered with sharp stone or gravel. In this treatment it is not necessary to use the steam roller, as the regular traffic is relied upon to compact the treated road. Special care is ta' en to thoroughly sweep and water the surface before applying the bitumen.

For scarified macadam the treatment is practically the same as for water-bound, except that the surface is first scarified or broken up by a scarifier, and then reshaped and smoothed by a roller before applying the bitumen as in regular bituminous treatment for water-bound

macadam.

#### Surfacing Sand and Gravel Roads

In the treatment of sand or gravel roads, first, proper attention is given to foundation

and drainage. The road is then shaped to the required crown and rolled smooth and compact. subgrade is sprinkled with water, and four or five coats of bitumen are applied successively, distributing a light coating of sand upon each application, also sprinkling each course with water. All inequalities are then carefully filled up and the surfaces covered with clean gravel and rolled until well compacted. This treatment affords an excellent road at low cost, which will withstand ordinary automobile or horse traffic and is practically dustless and noiseless.

The bituminous covering should be evenly and uniformly applied. Streaks or laps should be carefully patched with bitumen before

covering with grit. All bare places if neglected will show up in the completed work, to the detriment of the finished surface of the road. The gravel or sand covering should also be spread uniformly, if possible, by a mechanical spreader and in proper quantities to avoid waste or separation of the courses of bitumen. In applying bitumen to macadam or cement surfaces, all dirt or loose material must be carefully swept off or otherwise removed, to insure adhesion to the surface.

#### Apparatus

In the handling of all kinds of bituminous materials which solidify, or partly solidify, when cold, it is first essential that such material be properly liquefied by heat in order that it may be sprayed upon the road surface. When properly heated, the material may be readily and most efficiently sprayed, preferably under pressure by mechanical sprayers. Many types of equipment have been devised for this purpose. The most practical is a distributor which will properly heat the material and distribute it in the form of an atomized spray under pressure in such volume as is desired, the advantage being that the pressure forces the material into the voids between the stone much more thoroughly and effectively than it will The apparatus should be flow by gravity. constructed to be drawn by horse, motor truck or tractor, and should be adapted to the varying conditions under which it may be used. It should be constructed so as to properly distribute any and all kinds of bituminous materials, either hot or cold, and in the volume desired.

The Kinney Manufacturing Company, 3529 Washington street, Boston, Mass., is manufacturing one of the most effective pieces of apparatus for handling all kinds of bituminous materials for road treatment. This Kinney patent heater and distributor is the result of

many years' experience and knowledge of the requirements of this method of road treatment. It is furnished in both automobile and horse-drawn types, using the Kinney pump for furnishing pressure. It is also equipped with an improved heating and circulating system to insure the highest possible heating efficiency with practically no danger or liability of injury to the material from overheating.

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This distributor is also furnished in a special type of construction adapted to handling heavier materials when used in barrels instead of tank cars. In this machine the heat is derived from wood, coke or coal fires, in similar manner to the use of familiar makes of The machine may also be equipped tar kettles. with the Kinney heating and circulating system, using kerosene oil burners as in the auto distributors. This apparatus is of special advantage in the work of maintenance or for more limited construction work. In the handling of heavier grades of bituminous materials, which require heating to a higher temperature, especial care must be taken that there is absolutely no moisture allowed to come into contact with the material in the process of heating. A slight amount of water will cause the material to foam or froth and become useless for road work. This possibility is always present when steam is used for heating. No steam is used in any type of apparatus, the heat being derived directly from kerosene oil burners in the automobile type of apparatus, and from wood or coal fires or kerosene burners in the Handy heater and distributor described immediately In the automobile type of apparatus the heat from the kerosene oil burners is conveyed through tubes placed in the interior of This, with the circulating system, insures the material from the introduction of moisture and from burning or overheating. In distributing the material precautions must be taken to prevent driving over the bitumen before it is covered with sand. Otherwise, bare spots will be exposed, which will have to be patched up before the road can be fin-

Excessive use of bituminous materials should be avoided. This applies to all classes

of work. Too much binder will result in an uneven and wavy surface and will exude toward the shoulders of the road, while the proper amount, if skillfully and evenly applied, will not fail to give the desired results and reflect credit upon the road builders.

#### Applying Materials for Dust Laying

Another and very important department of bituminous treatment is the use of lighter oils or tars for dust laying or temporary road preservation. Such material, if properly applied, has been found very satisfactory, from an economical as well as from a sanitary standpoint. The oil effectively lays the dust and requires but a few applications during the entire season. It also, to a large extent, protects the surface of the road from the wear and tear of automobile travel.

Among the earlier methods of applying road oils of this kind was the process of emulsifying the oil by the introduction of alkalis later by the use of self-emulsifying oils. object was to so combine the oil with the alkali or other solvent that when mixed with a certain amount of water it would form an emulsion, and that when it was distributed a small amount of oil would be left upon the surface after the evaporation of the water or emulsifying medium. The effect was that in the earlier and also in the later periods of the sprinkling season, when the evaporation was slow on account of low temperature, the street remained in a more or less impassable condition for a long while or until the volatile material had evaporated, leaving the desired deposit of bitumen. This method has to a great extent been superseded by the use of improved mechanical sprayers or atomizers, using the product without being emulsified.

The excessive use of oil for dust laying by any method is not only wasteful, but is a nuisance and merits public condemnation. On the other hand, if rightly applied by means of a proper spraying apparatus, oil is a most satisfactory and efficient dust layer, requiring but one or two applications during the entire season, with no inconvenience to pedestrians or injury to vehicles.

#### Cletrac Makers Expand

THE Cleveland Tractor Company, Cleveland, Ohio, manufacturer of the Cletrac, a medium-weight tractor, is to be reorganized as the Allyne-Zeder Motors Company, to manufacture and market the new sixcylinder car which is being designed by F. M. Zeder, formerly chief engineer of the Willys Corporation and the Studebaker Corporation. The reorganization will be brought about by adding approximately \$5,000,000 of new capital to the present assets of the Cleveland Tractor Company, resulting in a corporation with a capital of \$10,000,000 of preferred stock and 200,000 shares of no par common stock.

A new corporation, subsidiary to the Allyne-Zeder Motors Company, will be organized under the name of the Cleveland Tractor Company and will continue the marketing of Cletraes through its present distributors and dealers. A new 1-ton truck, embodying advanced details in design, engineered by Rollin H. White, will be added to the Cletrac line in the near future. The reorganization plan is practically ready to submit to the stockholders of the Cleveland Tractor Company, and the cooperation of several of the larger stockholders practically assures its adoption and rapid prosecution.

## A Hydraulic Ash Hoist

NE of the problems in any building construction is provision for the mechanical removal of ashes. The Hydraulic Ash Hoist Company, 835 Springfield Avenue, Irvington, N. J., has placed on the market the Centaton hydraulic ash hoist. This hoist has been operating under exacting conditions in Newark, N. J., high schools for seven years. It is built to operate under various landing conditions: it is made in the disappearing telescopic sidewalk type; it can operate as a cellar window lift; and in many cases it is installed for operation inside the building, but to handle the load in an outside areaway-a method which is sometimes advisable for an old building having an uncovered areaway that the owner does not wish to go to the expense of enclosing.

It is claimed that the hoist can be easily installed in new or old buildings without special construction work. The work required for installation consists of drilling holes in the floor and walls for expansion bolts and making the necessary water and sewer connections. hoist is made in a substantial manner, with the cylinder and plunger of solid brass, precluding any possibility of corrosion and loss of power through slippage of water past the plunger. The plunger rod guide is composed of a compressed and almost frictionless hydraulic pack-ing, making repacking a matter for attention at

very long intervals.



THOMAS J. WASSER



ASH CANS READILY REMOVED BY HOIST

#### New President of A. R. B. A.

HOMAS J. WASSER, who was elected to the presidency of the American Road Builders' Association at the adjourned meeting on June 15, has had an experience of 32 years in general construction. At the age of 21 he began working on macadam highway construction for B. M. and J. E. Shanley, general contractors, of Newark, N. J. Following this, he served successively with the Long Island Railroad; the Consolidated Traction Company of N. J.; the Sanford & Stillman Company, General Contractors, Jersey City; Robert W. Hunt & Company; and as engineer in charge of the preliminary work on the Hackensack bridge and the Newark plank road.

He became Engineer of Hudson County in 1913 and designed and constructed most of the Newark turnpike. Resigning that position in 1920, he was selected by the reorganized State Highway Commission to be State Highway Engineer of New Jersey.

## The Advantage of Nestable Culverts

Savings in Transportation Costs and Handling

ANY type of corrugated metal culverts offers considerable convenience over the more bulky types of culvert forms. If other points of convenience are added in shipping, handling and storing the culverts, there is a distinct advantage when the final costs are computed. The Chattanooga Road Machinery Company, Chattanooga, Tenn., manufactures a nestable culvert which has a number of features of interest to the road engineer and contractor.

These culverts are built up in semicircular sections keyed together on the job, thus making a considerable saving in haulage space, as they do not require numerous teams and wagons nor a great amount of labor in unloading. The heavy-gage metal used in the making of these "Butt-Joint" sections is reinforced by lat-

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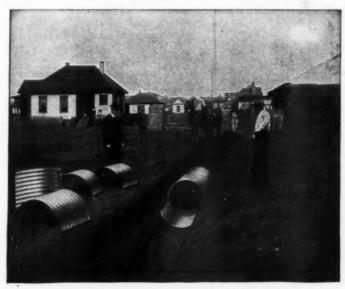
eral strips hot welded to each edge to prevent any single section from spreading or getting out of shape through rough handling or the shocks ordinarily received in cross-country shipping.

An interesting demonstration of the strength of this type of culvert is shown in the series of tests which were run on plain cylinders, corrugated riveted culvert and Butt-Joint nestable culvert pipe. Each cylinder was similarly



CULVERTS NESTED FOR EASY TRANSPORTATION

supported at the base and had a like standard at the top, on which were piled galvanized sheets as a load. The plain cylinder, without the reinforcement of corrugations, supported three galvanized sheets with a combined weight of 120. The corrugated riveted culvert supported 90 sheets of approximately the same individual weight, or nearly 30 times the weight carried by the plain cylinder. The Butt-Joint



NESTABLE CULVERTS DISTRIBUTED FOR LAYING

nestable culvert supported 140 sheets of the same weight, or showed over 45 times the

strength of the plain cylinder.

These culverts are made in all standard sizes from 8 to 84 inches in diameter, and for special requirements are furnished up to 96 inches in diameter. The construction is the same in the larger sizes of culverts as in the smaller.

The larger sizes, which in most culverts require an entire flat car for shipping, can be nested and shipped in comparatively small space.

These culverts are also made with flat bottoms for use where they are needed for shallow drains, because of the lack of headroom. Butt-Joint culverts are adapted for city, steam and electric road uses.

## Loading Trucks at 2 Cubic Yards per Minute

THE new self-feeding bucket loader, known as Model 42, which has recently been announced by the Barber-Greene Company, Aurora, Ill., demonstrated that it had a capacity of 22/5 cubic yards per minute in loading cinders for the Ryan Cinder Company, Chicago, Ill. Some of the trucks which were loaded by this machine were fitted with sideboards, giving them a capacity of 12 cubic yards of cinders. These trucks were loaded by the machine in 5 minutes, under the control

which handled 1¼ cubic yards per minute, has been speeded up to take care of 1¼ cubic yards per minute. The crawlers on which the machine is mounted are now 10 inches wide instead of 8, and 60 inches long instead of 58 inches. A new Buda engine equipped with oil and water pumps furnishes the power. The same disc feeder that was used on the first Barber-Greene bucket loader is used on the new model. This feeder consists of two 36-inch flat steel discs, placed in a horizontal

plane at the lower end of the boom and driven by gears so that they both turn towards the center, thus bringing material to the buckets. A better arrangement for controlling the disc is also provided.

A measuring hopper with a variable capacity up to 21 cubic feet can be furnished for the use of road contractors, although standard equipment is a swivel spout which can be turned from the operator's platform. The discharge height of the machine is 9 feet 6 inches. Another new feature in the Model 42 machine is the adoption of the standard Cotta truck transmission, giving three speeds forward and one reverse.

Cinders can be loaded at the rate of 2 2/5 cubic yards per minute. It has also been found possible to handle heavier material, such as coal, sand, gravel or crushed rock, with one man at the rate of 13/4 yards per minute into trucks, wagons, carts or conveyors.



A LOADER WITH SELF-FEEDING DEVICE

of one man. This speed is made possible by generally increasing the efficiency of the loader. In handling crushed stone and such other heavier materials, the original machine,

#### A Ladder Safety Code

To reduce the number of accidents arising from the faulty construction of ladders, both commercial and temporary or field built, the Ladder Code Committee of the American Society of Safety Engineers, with which the Associated General Contractors of America is cooperating, has drafted a standard code which is about ready for final approval. This code lists in four groups those woods recom-

mended for use in ladders and provides minimum dimensions for side rails and other parts, based upon the respective strength of the various groups. Classification of the woods and their significant characteristics as affecting ladder construction was supplied by the U. S. Forest Service, which made extensive investigations of wood in connection with airplane work. Stipulations are also provided for metal ladders.

## ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS NEWS NOTES AND COMMENTS

## Materials, the Fuel of Construction

A. G. C. Protests Government Orders Which Mean Shut-down of 80 Per Cent of All Construction Work East of Mississippi as Soon as Coal Strike Is Settled

RDERS issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission July 25, and amended on August 4, giving demand for open-top cars for coal for any purposes priority over requests for open-top cars for other purposes will probably mean a shut-down of four-fifths of the construction projects under way east of the Mississippi River as soon as the coal strike is settled unless the order is modified before that time. In this order the Commission establishes five classes of coal which shall have priority in the following order:

 Coal for special purposes designated by the commission or its agent.

2. Coal for transportation, public utilities, Government institutions, domestic use.

 Coal consigned to Lake Eric ports for trans-shipment to ports on Lake Superior.

 Coal for manufacture of foodstuffs, and medicines, and containers thereof.

5. Coal for other purposes.

What this means for construction is best expressed in the following petition which has been submitted to the Commission by the Associated General Contractors of America:

August 5, 1922.

The Honorable,

The Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen: This petition of the Associated General Contractors of America respectfully shows that—

I. Your petitioner is the representative of approximately fifteen hundred of the principal general construction contractors of the United States and is vitally interested in the entire construction industry, both in construction work proper and the manufacture, production and transportation of construction materials.

2. There are at the present time actively engaged in actual construction work, east of the Mississippi River, over 1,300,000 men on projects now in process of construction of the total value of approximately \$1,700,000,000; that there are actively engaged in supplying construction material to carry on these projects approximately 1,500,000 men; so that the uninterrupted continuance of this industry is vital to the lives of 2,800,000 workers, and of course to their families whom they support. It can be fairly stated that over 11,000,000 people are

dependent for their daily support upon the wages of these workers in the entire construction field east of the Mississippi River.

3. The construction program now in progress is largely directed to relieving the acute housing shortage in the United States and through the construction of highways to making more accessible outlying districts, which in turn has its effect on both housing and costs of living. Any radical interruption in that industry at this time, therefore, will have a farreaching effect upon the health and comfort of the whole people.

4. The construction industry, as is well known, is largely seasonal. To interrupt the program which is now at its peak in the construction field at this time, even for a few weeks, would so disarrange the program as practically to throw over into another year many of the vital projects now under way, resulting in enormous losses.

5. The order issued by your Honorable Commission under date of July 25, being known as Service Order No. 23, provides, in effect, that all of the cars suitable for the loading and transportation of coal, which includes practically 90 per cent of the open top cars of the country, shall be used exclusively if demanded for the transportation of coal for all purposes, not only those of emergent necessity for which priority rating is given by your Commission, in numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 in said Order, but also of coal for all other purposes.

6. Recognizing that it is the purpose of the Commission to supply fuel to the essential industries of the country with the least possible interruption to the general business of the country, we believe that Service Order No. 23 fails to take cognizance of the far-reaching effect it will have upon the transportation of construction material, nearly all of which is transported in open top cars. Service Order No. 23 will, in effect, withdraw nearly all open top transportation facilities from the construction field as soon as the mines are opened. This will mean the immediate shut-down of an industry which furnishes the livelihood of 11,000,000 people, as has been pointed out. It is respectfully submitted that an order intended to insure fuel delivery to keep industry going, but which is so drastic as to practically stop the operation of the second largest industry in the country, not

only defeats its own purpose but also makes matters worse.

7. With the reopening of the mines the demand for cars for coal loadings will be not less than 320,444 cars per week, which number can actually be loaded with coal if available.

The maximum number of open-top cars of all kinds which the railroads can supply, taking into account the present large number of unserviceable cars, will be 324,000 cars per week, of which only 291,000 will be suitable for the loading and transportation of coal, leaving, under the operation of the Order, only 33,000 open-top cars for all other purposes.

That weekly requirements for such cars for the transportation of other commodities will

be:

Construction														Cars 85,000
Ore							į.							40,000
Limestone			0 1						4		è			10,000
Coke														10,000
Miscellaneous	1								0		0			10,000
Total														155,000

This leaves available for all purposes other than the transportation of coal only 21 per cent of the number of cars needed, and these very largely cars unsuited for carrying the commodities for which they will be wanted.

- 8. We fully recognize the fact that the general welfare of the country will be promoted by giving preference to the transportation of fuel for the first four priority classes enumerated in Service Order No. 23, but to give the transportation of fuel for all other purposes a priority over the transportation of all other commodities, and especially construction materials, upon which 11,000,000 of our people are dependent for their daily bread, will not carry out the purpose of the Commission and will have an effect which will disrupt the business of this country in a way that will work a hardship far beyond the requirement for the transportation of fuel for a general purpose after the necessary emergency purposes are met.
- q. We desire to make the point that after the four necessary emergency cases are met, fuel should take a class along with other materials necessary for the normal business of the country. What fuel is to manufacturing, construction materials are to actual construction. In a word, building materials are the fuel of construction.
- 10. With the enormous demand for coal which will accompany the reopening of the mines, so few cars will be available for construction materials, under the terms of Service Order No. 23, that four-fifths of all construction projects east of the Mississippi River will be obliged to close down.
- 11. Your petitioner respectfully prays that Service Order No. 23 be amended so as to provide that after the railroads have supplied open-top equipment sufficient to carry the fuel required by the first four priority classes enumerated in said Order, that they be directed to supply open-top equipment without preference to all other commodities, including coal.

12. If it would better serve the purpose of the Commission to permit construction materials to have a parity of classification with the fifth class of priority for fuel, then your petitioner prays that the said Service Order No. 23 be amended so as to direct such furnishing of open-top equipment to construction materials by the carriers.

13. If the Commission desires further facts along the line of those stated above in this petition, your petitioner stands ready to answer its call and to furnish all data in its possession.

14. Your petitioner respectfully prays an opportunity to be heard in support of the prayer

of this petition.

Respectfully submitted, ASSOCIATED GENERAL CON-TRACTORS OF AMERICA, By: R. C. MARSHALL, Jr., General Manager.

#### A. G. C. Biography

T. T. Flagler, to put it briefly, is handling construction work in the vicinity of Atlanta in connection with the Flagler Company. He was born in Lockport, N. Y., in 1880. He located in Atlanta some time before the company was formed, but he obtained his first experience in construction from the Standard Oil Company, after graduating from the University of Pennsylvania in 1903. In recent years the work of this company has extended outside Atlanta to Mobile, Birmingham, Jacksonville, Savannah and other southern cities, where apartments, warehouses and factories have been built. Mr. Flagler is Vice-President of the A. G. C. at the present time.



T. T. FLAGLER
Pres. T. T. Flagler Co., Atlanta, Ga.

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A NEW CONTINUOUS BOOFING RETTLE
The Barber Asphalt Co., Philadelphia, Pa., has just announced its new Iroquois continuous roofing kettle, which embodies distinctly new ideas and economies beneficial to roofing contractors.

A VERSATILE TRACTION STEAM SHOVEL A steam shovel with akimmer, ditcher and clam shell buckets for road grading, trenching, back filling, cellar digging, pit mining, loading, unloading, and handling materials, is described in the literature of the Keystone Driller Co., Beaver

TWO TO EIGHT TON INDUSTRIAL

The Industrial Equipment Co., 910-916 Ohio street, Minster, Ohio, will be pleased to send a copy of its catalog describing Minster industrial locomotives for contracting service in any gage and from 2 to 8 tons capacity.

CONTRACTORS' WHEELBARROWS

In Catalog No. 104, the Akron Barrow Company, Cle eland, Ohio, describes in detail its complete line of contractors' wheelbarrows with extended nose braces which make the barrows practically Barrow Company, which make the barrows practically indestructible.

MOTOR DUMP TRUCK EQUIPMENT

In its new portfolio, 'Road Building Equipment,' the Heil Co., 1243 26th street, Milwaukee, Wis., describes a number of its complete installations of Heil dump bodies and hydro hoists for contractors.

EVERTHING FOR THE ROAD MAKER

The free catalog of the Good Roads Machy. Co.,
Inc., Kennett Square, Pa., describes its complete
line of road machinery, covering everything that
is needed by the road-building contractor.

STEEL PAVING GUARDS

the edges of k roads, are which may be Steel paving guards to protect the edges of bituminous, concrete, and brick roads, are described in detail in literature which may be secured from the W. S. Godwin Co., Baltimore, Md.

SPEED DUMP TRUCKS FOR ROAD WORK

SPEED DUMP TRUCKS FOR ROAD WORK The General Motors Truck Co., Pontiac, Mich., has announced a new one-ton dump truck which it is offering as a valuable aid to road builders. The details of this new truck are given in literature which may be secured from the manufacturers.

TANDEM PAVING ROLLERS

Any contractor interested in a paving roller par-ticularly adapted to handling asphalt paving work and able to do its bit on any paving job, should secure the illustrated catalog of the Eric Machine Shops, Eric, Pa.

MAKING ASPHALT PAVING REPAIRS EASY
The Lutz surface heater made by the Equitable
Asphalt Maintenance Co., 1901 Campbell street,
Kansas City, Mo., and described in its literature is
designed to soften asphalt and other bituminous
pavements to facilitate repairs.

WATER METERS FOR EVERY SERVICE

Disc meters in sizes from %-inch to 4 inches with intermediate train gears and phinons of monel metal are described in special bulletins issued by the Badger Meter Mfg. Co., 841-847 Thirtieth St., Milwanker Wis the Badger Met Milwaukee, Wis.

HEAVY DUTY CONCRETE MIXERS

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Free catalogs have been issued by the Koehring
Co., Milwaukee, Wis., describing its various sizes
of mixers. P-6 describes its pavers from T to 32
cubic feet capacity; C-6 describes its construction
mixer of 10 to 28 cubic feet capacity, and D-6
describes the Dandie mixer of 4 and 7 cubic feet capacity.

capacity.

AN AUTO HEATER FOR TAR AND ASPHALT

The Kinney Mfg. Co., 3929 Washington street,
Chicago, Ill., manufactures a patent combined auto
heater and distributor for heating and applying
bituminous materials to roads. This and the
Kinney handy heater and sprayer for road maintenance work are described in literature which
may be secured free on request.

A CONCRETE ROAD BUILDER

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The Dunn tamping machine, designed by road builders for road contractors handling concrete paving, is described in detail in literature which may be secured from the Dunn Road Machinery may be secured ... Co., Conneaut, Ohio.

BOOK DRILLING EQUIPMENT
The literature of the Denver Rock Drill Mfg. Co.,
Denver, Colo., describes its complete line of
Waugh drills, sharpeners, hoists and portable com-Dressors.

PNEUMATIC SUBFACING TOOLS

The contractors' supply folder of the Thos. H. Dallett Co., Philadelphia, Pa., describes its complete line of hand and pneumatic surfacing and bushing tools which are in daily use by many contractors.

JIGHT-WEIGHT JACKS

Bulletin 29, which will be sent on request to contractors by the McKiernan-Terry Drill Co., 19 Park Row, New York City, describes the Doughboy jack, a light-weight jack made in sizes from 15 to 100 tons, and guaranteed to never turn around or back down.

TRUSTY. HEAVY-DUTY GASOLINE ENGINES
The catalog of the Climax Engineering Co., 1 West
18th street, Clinton, Iowa, describes the Climax
engine for moderate speed, heavy duty, developing
30 to 70 horse-power with kerosene or gasoline.

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STEAM ROAD ROLLERS WITH SCARIFIERS
Catalog A, issued by the Buffalo-Springfield Roller
Co., Springfield, Ohio, describes in detail. the complete line of steam and motor road rollers with scarifier attachments made by this company.

JOBS HANDLED BY TRACTORS
The catalog and folders, issued by the C. L. Best Tractor Co., San Leandro, Calif., give complete information regarding jobs which Best tractors have handled profitably for contractors.

A ONE-MAN EXCAVATOR.
The Bay City Dredge Works, 2622 Center avenue,

A ONE-MAN EXCAVATOR
The Bay City Dredge Works, 2622 Center avenue,
Bay City, Mich., manufactures a light, low-priced
economical one-man excavator for clay, sand, and
gravel pits, which is describes in detail in literature
which may be secured free on request.
LIGHT-WEIGHT TRACTOR MODELS
In its descriptive literature, the Little Giant Co.,
231 Rock street, Mankato, Minn., describes in
detail the two models of Little Giant road tractors
which are used extensively on contracting work.

ASPHALT PAVING TOOLS

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The catalog and price list of Littleford Brothers,
500 East Pearl Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, lists its
complete line of asphalt paving tools, including
tampers, shovels, rakes, tool heaters, tar ketites,
pouring pots, brick filling pots and carrying pots.

ASPHALT MACADAM ROAD CONSTRUCTION ASPHALT MACADAM ROAD CONSTRUCTION The Asphalt Sales Department of the Texas Company, 17 Battery Place, New York City, has just issued a new revised Texaco asphalt macadam booklet which tells how to build an asphalt macadam road by the penetration method, with particular attention to the foundation and the wearing surface. This booklet includes diagrams and photographs, showing the different steps in the construction of asphalt macadam pavements.

MOTOR ROAD ROLLERS

A motor driven road roller, which is claimed to be superior to any steam type of road roller in efficiency, is described in detail in special catalog G, which may be secured from the Austin-Western Road Machinery Co., Chicago, III.

Shovels that are able to withstand severe shocks and strains and which have found favor with road contractors for many years, are described in the literature of the Pittsburgh Shovel Company, Pittsburgh, Pa. BETTER-MADE SHOVELS FOR CONTRACTORS

A SHORT WHEEL PASE TRUCK FOR

CONTRACTORS CONTRACTORS
The economy of short wheelbase motor trucks of 2-3 and 4-6 tons capacity for all kinds of contracting work is told in an interesting manner in the literature of the Autocar Company, Ardmore,

CONTRACTORS' LOCOMOTIVES

An engine that is claimed to be the best, and which has a backing of 56 years of contractors' engine building and service, is described in detail in the literature of the H. K. Porter Company, Patterburgh, Pa. Pittsburgh, Pa.

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SAVE STONE BY SPREADING EVENLY

The Burch Plow Works Co., Department E, Crestline, Ohio, will be pleased to furnish information
regarding the Burch atone spreader which lays
gravel, slag or stone evenly at any required depth
and width direct from the end of the truck.

MOVING 300 YARDS OF DIRT A DAY

Just how Roytrae Multi-Unit Wheel Scrapers easily
moved 300 yards of excavation a day, is told in
literature which may be secured from Smith &
Sons, Mfg. Co., 1504 Guinotte Avenue, Kansas
City, Mo.

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A NEW MODEL INDUSTRIAL TRACTOR
A model "W" industrial Cletrac for road grading
and similar work is described in literature which
will be furnished on request by the Cleveland
Tractor Co., 19211 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

EXPANSION JOINTS A NECESSARY SAFETY FACTOR IN ROAD BUILDING
The literature of the Philip Carey Co., 9 Wayne avenue. Lockland, Cincinnati, Ohio, tells in detail why Elastite expansion joints are an absolute necessity in concrete and block pavements.

AN ASPHALT SURFACE HEATER AND PATCHER

The Hauck Manufacturing Co., 126-134 Tenth street, Brooklyn, N. Y., in its new building, 131-CM, describes in detail its asphalt surface heaters and patchers for contractors, city, street and highway departments.

MORE PROFIT ON EXCAVATING WORK
The T. L. Smith Company, 1018 32nd street, Milwaukee, Wis., has just issued a new folder, "More
Profit on Your Excavating Work," which gives a
dollars and cents comparison between the loading
of excavated material by hand and with the Smith excavator.

ASPHALT EXPANSION JOINTS
Monolithic pavements need an expansion joint such as described in the literature of the Pioneer Asphalt Co., Lawrenceville, Ill., for protection against the expansion of the pavement due to heat.

LADDER DER AND WHEEL TYPE TRENCH EXCAVATORS

EXCAVATORS

Long lived trench excavators of the wheel type and ladder type are described in detail in literature which may be secured from the Excavating Machy. Div., Pawling & Harnischfeger Co., 3819 National Avenue, Milwaukee, Wis.

SAW RIGS FOR CONTRACTORS

The complete catalog of the C. H. & E. Manufactur-ing Co., Inc., 500 Mineral Street, Milwankee, Wis., describes its No. 14 saw rig outfit with steel frame and table

ELECTRIC POWER SHOVELS

Bulletin 202, just issued by the Thew Shovel Company, Lorain, Ohio, describes in detail the Type Oo electric shovel which has recently been placed on the market by this company.

A CEMENT WATER-PROOFING PAINT
A sample of concrete treated with Cemcoat, together with color cards of floor and wall coatings, may be secured from L. Sonneborn Sons, Inc., 262
Pearl Street, New York, N. Y.

CULVERTS THAT LAST

Genuine open-hearth iron corrugated culverts in both round and half-round types for city and country use in draining areas beside highways, are described in booklets which may be secured from the Newport Culvert Co., 542 West Tenth Street, Newport K. Newport, Ky.

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TRACTOR PERPORMANCE
The Holt Manufacturing Company, Inc., Peoria, Ill., builders of tractors for road building and dirtmoving jobs, will send a copy of its new booklet, "Caterpillar Performance," to any interested contractors

STONE SCREENS AND STORAGE BINS

NE SCHEERS AND SIVERUE DAGS advantages of material-handling de Ices, in-ing stone storage bins and acreens, are ribed in the catalogs of the Weller Manufac-ig Co., 1820-1856 North Kostner avenue, cluding stone described in the Chicago, Ill.

UP-TO-DATE ASPHALT ROAD CONSTRUCTION In its illustrated booklet, Warren Brothers Co., Cambridge Street, Boston, Mass., describes up-to-date street and road construction by the use of Warrenite-bitulithic pavement.

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CAST IRON PIPE AND FITTINGS

The U. S. Cast Iron Pipe & Foundry Co., Burlington, N. J., will be pleased to send its descriptive literature covering cast iron pipe for water, ateam, and gas mains, and submarine lines in bell and spigot. flanged, plain end and flexible joint pipe, as well as on fittings and special castings.

PROTECTIVE BARS FOR CONCRETE CURBS Protective bars which reinforce concrete curbs are described in detaill in literature which may be secured from the Truscon Steel Company, Youngssecured

TIMBER CLAMPS FOR SCAFFOLDING
The Schenk Timber Clamp Corporation, 501 Fifth
Avenue. New York, N. Y., has issued some interesting literature on the Schenk timber clamp which
securely fastens two pieces of timber together without chance of its slipping, thus making material savings in scaffolding and shoring costs.

DRAGLINE CABLEWAY EXCAVATORS

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Dragline cableway excavators which dig. convey.
ele ate and dump in one operation. are described
in an illustrated booklet which may be secured from
Sauerman Brothers, 1143 Monadnock Block Chicago, Ill.

EXCAVATING GRADERS AND BLADE GRADERS

GRADERS
In its well-illustrated catalog, the Russell Grader
Mfg. Co., Minneapolis, Minn., describes in detail
its 7 sizes of standard blade graders and two sizes
of elevating graders used by contractors in all
parts of the country on road work.

WATER PAILS AND WASTE CANS
In Ironhorse metalware catalog No. 921, the
Rochester Can Co., Rochester, N. Y., gives the
specific points regarding the strength and wearing
qualities of various types of contractors' pails and
rubbish cans.

ADJUSTABLE STEEL WALL FORMS
Reichert adjustable steel molds, which can be used
on more than 500 buildings with only alight repairs,
are described in the catalog of the Reichert Concrete Metal Forms Company, 1200 Weil Street, Mil-

PORTABLE SCOOP CONVEYORS

In its special contractors' type conveyor bulletin, the Portable Machinery Co., Passaic, N. J., describes its portable belt conveyor which has proven so successful in contracting service for the handling of all kinds of abrasive materials, such as sand, gravel, crushed stone, etc.

## A New Shovel Dipper to Increase Yardage

HE new Type Z, oneyard-capacity shovel dipper recently placed on the market by the Bay City Dredge Works, Bay City, Mich., for working in muck or among roots, has a number of features of interest to contractors. The dipper was patented by Michael J. Zabawa and has been thoroughly tried out in service since 1918 on dredges in Minnesota and Wisconsin. novel shape, as shown in the illustration, enables the dipper to pick up a full load no matter what kind of material is being dug. It is claimed that it will pick up a larger load than the type of dippers now in general use. It dumps

clean when handling sticky dirt, by tipping forward to spill the entire contents. It is not necessary to shake the material through a back or bottom door. This dipper



A NEW STYLE TIPPING DIPPER

picks up and dumps boulders, stumps, roots, and sod which would not pass through the ordinary bottom-dump dipper.



A FULL LOAD AND THEN SOME

#### Street Machine Repairs in Winter

A. McLAUGHLIN, of J. S. McLaughlin & Sons, Makato, Minn., states in a recent issue of *The Constructor* that his company specializes in the construction of street and road paving and therefore does not operate other than a portable plant. They have concrete and asphalt plants with machinery sufficient to lay

the various types of pavements. They did more repairing during the winter of 1921 and 1922 than in any previous season, because of the slack time, and tried in that way to help out the unemployment situation. They gave their machinery closer inspection and did work that might have gone by for another year.

## Equipment Used by Live Contractors

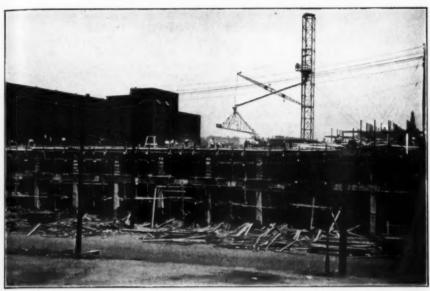


A COMPLETE MOTORIZED ROAD-BUILDING UNIT OWNED BY THE SHIRLEY CONSTRUCTION CO., HANDLING A ROAD CONTRACT AT OMAHA, NEBR.

The outfit consists of two Holt Caterpillar tractors, one hauling LaPlant-Choate 6-cubic-yard trailers and the other the elevating grader. Note the smooth road surface made possible by the completely motorized equipment and large capacity trailers which enable the outfit to work with a minimum of stops



A PAWLING AND HARNISCHFEGER NO. 206 SHOVEL OWNED BY F. B. HILLS WORKING IN A QUARRY OF THE BERNAL MARL FERTILIZER CO, EDEN VALE, CALIF.



INSLEY STEEL TOWER QUICK SHIFT COUNTERWEIGHT CHUTING PLANT BEING USED ON A ST. LOUIS JOB

The McCormack-Combs Construction Company, St. Louis, purchased this outfit from the Geo. F. Smith Co., for use on the Westinghouse Electric Co. job at 12th and Gratiot Streets, St. Louis



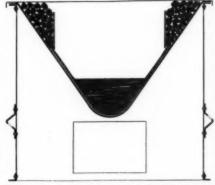
AVERY 45-65 ROAD TRACTOR AND GRADER WORKING FOR JAHNIG & DAVIS, BRITTON, SOUTH DAKOTA, ON A FEDERAL AID ROAD JOB NEAR BRITTON

## A Continuous Roofing Kettle

New Features Speed Up Heating of Material

A DISTINCTLY new type of continuous roofing kettle, in which revolutionary ideas are embodied and which is claimed to effect great economies that will benefit roofers and other users of asphalt melting kettles, has been placed on the market by the Barber Asphalt Company, Philadelphia, Pa. This kettle will produce asphalt ready for the roof within ten minutes after the kettle is started, and provides a continuous supply of hot asphalt at all times. Under actual operating conditions, it has been found that less than 10 pounds of fuel are required for each 100 pounds of asphalt melted.

In addition to the reduction of the expensive item of fuel in kettle operation, it was found in a recent test that four minutes after the fire was started the asphalt from the side pockets shown in the accompanying illustration started to flow into the bottom of the



SECTION OF KETTLE SHOWING SEPARATION OF COLD AND HOT MATERIAL



A KETTLE OF DISTINCTIVE FEATURES

Eight minutes after the kindling was ignited, the hot asphalt in the bottom of the tank was 2 inches deep, and in 15 minutes there was 6 inches of asphalt ready for the roof. This feature makes it possible to have the kettle men start heating the asphalt only a very short time before the roofers are ready, thus eliminating two or three extra hours' pay for overtime work. The continuous feature of the kettle, secured by the arrangement of the side pockets for the cold asphalt, where the material is warmed and from which it flows into the bottom of the tank, insures a supply of hot asphalt as long as the fire's Cold material never comes in kept burning. contact with the hot material, and therefore there are no cold lumps in the bottom of the tanks to de'ay the dipping out of hot material.

It is claimed that one Iroquois continuous roofing kettle will deliver as much hot aspha't as three ordinary kettles of the same capacity, but will consume only one-fifth the amount of fuel the other type kettles would require.

### Miscellaneous Notes

The Benham Engineering Company, Kansas City, Mo., have been retained as consulting engineers on the Bull Creek water project by the Board of Commissioners of McAlester, Okla. The dam on Bull Creek will be completed and the entire water problem will be worked out along a definite plan of development.

The Spears-Wells Machinery Company, 241 12th Street, Oakland, Calif., has been appointed an agency for handling in northern California the sales of Smith concrete mixers, pavers, excavators and loaders made by the T. L. Smith Company, Milwaukee, Wis.

## Chuting Concrete on Small Jobs

Equipment Which Has Reduced Costs on Big Contracts Made Available for Small Jobs

HILE the use of chutes for placing concrete has been accepted as good practice for a number of years, it has usually been thought to be economical only when used on large jobs. This is due to the fact that there is more or less expense involved in erecting a tower heavy enough to carry chutes. There has been a need, therefore, of a small, inexpensive chuting plant for operations large enough to use chutes to advantage but too small to warrant the erection of a more or less elaborate plant.

To meet this need, the Insley Manufacturing Company, Indianapolis, Ind., has developed the mast hoist plant. This plant consists of an 8-cubic-foot capacity bucket mounted on steel angle guides, which in turn are mounted on a 12x12-inch wooden built-up mast. This bucket is of sufficient size to take care of all that a half-bag or one-bag mixer can turn out. A light angle head-frame is placed on the same

guides as the bucket at whatever point it is desired to have the bucket dump. There is a small hopper on this head-frame sufficient to take care of the discharge of the bucket. The bucket is hoisted by means of a light hoist and automatically dumped by this head-frame. This is effected by means of an arrangement of two levers, a steel apron on the head-frame which bridges the distance between the hopper and the bucket, and a standard hopper gate on the bucket, which opens automatically.

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The head-frame is provided with an angle which makes the chute connection. Swivel-head chutes are always hung from the head-frame. The mast is strong enough to support the bucket, the head-frame and about 30 feet of chutes.

The range of work on which this plant can be used to advantage is very wide. The average amount of concrete placed by the plant will run from 50 to 60 yards a day, but on several occasions as much as 90 yards has been placed daily for 8 or 10 days. The capacity, however, is limited only by the mixer, since the plant can deliver as much concrete as any one-bag mixer can mix.

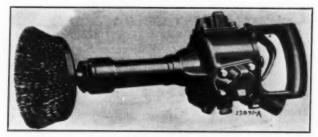
Elevation of the headframe can be easily changed by riding the head-frame on the bucket to the desired height and bolting it in place. This is an advantage in two- and three-story work

An additional feature of this plant is a small material elevator. This consists of a steel platform which is mounted on the guide angles in the same way as the bucket. Both are easily removed and changed about. This material hoist has sufficient room for a single wheelbarrow or concrete buggy, and can be used to good advantage to elevate brick, tile and other material. It is quite an addition to the plant, chiefly because it eliminates a separate elevator cage.

The whole plant, because of the light construction of the mast, can be easily dismantled and moved from job to job. It can be readily seen that in this plant all the advantages and economy of chutes are embodied, and it is a plant that will be very useful to a contractor who does smaller concrete construction.



A NEW INSLEY MAST HOIST IN USE POURING A CONCRETE FLOOR



RUST AND OLD PAINT CAN BE REMOVED IN A JIFFY WITH THIS BRUSH

## High-Speed Brush for Cleaning Metal Work

HE increasing use of air-driven wire brushes for cleaning metal surfaces has demonstrated the need of high rotating speed for the wire brush. Especially has this been true in such cleaning work as removing paint, rust, dirt or scale from tanks, steel cars, and structural steel forms where the area to be cleaned is large and a fast rate of work is required. It has been found that a wire brush turning at high speed cleans faster and also stands up under the severe service much better than if only rotating at 2,000 to 3,000 r. p. m. The Ingersoll-Rand Company, 11 Broadway, New York City, has recently brought out a high-speed cleaner, known as the No. 601 "Little David" wire brush, which has a maximum speed of 4,200 r.p.m. This machine has been found very successful in operation, effectively cleaning structural steel forms and also iron and steel castings. It has proved that it can not only do a good, thorough cleaning job, but can also bring about a considerable saving

of time and labor as well.

On a six-weeks' test this machine cleaned steel gondolas, each averaging 540 square feet of surface, in 31/2 hours. All-steel box cars averaging 1,400 square feet of surface were cleaned in  $7\frac{1}{2}$  hours. The brush removed not only all the rust but the old paint as well, so that when repainted the cars looked practically as if new sheets had been applied. The air motor used on this wire brush cleaner is of the 3-cylinder type, such as used in "Little David" portable grinders, and has been thoroughly tested out in severe service. The machine is simple in construction and well balanced, and operates practically without vibration. Light weight has been obtained by using an aluminum casing reinforced with cast iron bushings. The weight of the complete machine is only 14 pounds. The average free speed at 90 pounds air pressure is 4,200 r.p.m. The length over-all is 171/2 inches, and the diameter of the wire brush is 6 inches.

## A Universal Dump-Body for One-Ton Trucks

NEW dump-body which is in reality a combination express and dump-body, particularly adapted for the use of contractors and builders, building material men and city departments needing dump-trucks, has been placed on the market by the Eagle Wagon Works, Auburn, N. Y.

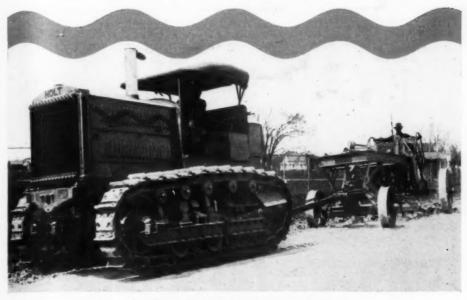
The dump-body has a capacity of 11/4 cubic yards water-level or 1½ cubic yards round measure. The maximum slant obtained in dumping is 64 degrees when empty on level ground. The body weighs only about 510 pounds, the chassis parts 100 pounds, and the dumping device 85 pounds, making a total of 705 pounds additional weight on the regular one-ton chassis.

The dump-body operates entirely from the seat and can be dumped in three seconds or up to three minutes, if so desired. The tail-gate opens and closes and locks automatically.



BODY MOUNTED AND IN DUMPING POSITION

dumping load can be slowed up or stopped entirely at any point of the dump by means of the foot brake. It can also be locked at any dumping angle.



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ROAD BUILDING EQUIPMENT IN DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENN.

Left, Kinney oiler on 7-ton Kelly-Springfield truck; middle, Galion 2-cylinder, 12-ton gas roller; right, Telamith Gyratory crusher and elevator operated by a Nichols & Shepard 20-horse-power traction engine

## Stone Production in Davidson County, Tenn.

Complete Equipment Produces Stone for County Highway Construction

HE Davidson County Highway Department, Nashville, Tenn., is using gyratory crushers entirely for producing crushed stone, as it has found in handling the local stone quarried near the surface that the gyratory crushers give a more uniform size stone than jaw crushers of equal capacity. The surface stone is in thin strata which have a tendency to pass through jaw crushers in flat slabs, and the circular crushing face of the gyratory crusher prevents much of this trouble.

The gyratory crushers are heavier to handle, requiring more work and more skill in setting up and more attention to lubrication and quality of lubricants than jaw crushers. Six No. 4 Telsmiths and one No. 3 Telsmith gyratory crusher are used, and two more No. 4 crushers have been installed for use this spring. Experience has shown that one feeder is saved in using the gyratory type of crusher. A knock-down incline feeding platform is built and dump-carts are used, dumping directly into the crusher.

A complete read-working outfit as used by Davidson County, Tenn., is made up as shown in the table below. There are 15 of these units in operation at present:

1 20-horse steam traction engine

bin (15-20 ton)

erusher (No. 4 Telsmith 11 x 20 jaw)

2 dump-carts

grader (8-foot)

gasoline numn

wagon

sprinkler (horse-drawn) 10 or 12-ton roller; gasoline later purchases, steam former purchases 1 5-ton truck

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Foreman	9	\$4.50
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1 team with driver for spri	nkling wagon	5.00
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6 days Average quarts motor oil for truck, 30 quarts

Average pounds hard grease for truck, 11/2 Average quarts of lubricating oil for gas roller, 16

Average quarts of lubricating oil for gas roller, 16 Average gallons gasoline for gas roller, 120 Average bushels coal for steam roller, 120 Average pushels coal for steam roller, 6 Average bushels coal for traction engine, 90 Average pushels coal for traction engine, 90 Average gallons crusher oil for traction engine, 24 Average gallons crusher oil for crusher, 9 Average gallons gasoline for water pump, 3 Average gallons gasoline for water pump, 6

This outfit handled between 90 and 100 yards of crushed stone up to one mile haul from the crusher to the road.

At the end of November, 1921, there were 189.2 miles of oiled roads as compared with 132.2 the year before, making a total of 57 miles which were oiled during 1921. The work during the final quarter of the year was held up materially by wet weather and lack of funds in a number of road districts. Concrete culverts were completed in a number of the districts and heavy stone excavation on the Harding Pike was very nearly completed.

J. C. Creveling, Jr., is Chairman of the avidson County Highway Commission, of Davidson County Highway Commission, of which Charles H. Simpson and S. R. Johnson are members, W. O. Denny, Secretary, and

S. G. Marshall, Superintendent.

#### Who Makes Hand Shovels?

Frequently you are confronted with the question of who makes a specific kind of equipment. By consulting the "Where to Purchase" directory beginning on page 3 of the CONTRACTORS' AND ENGINEERS' MONTHLY your query is quickly answered.



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The second illustration shows one of the excavators and loaders with the new motor on it, operating in excavating and loading from a gravel-pit. The loaded scraper is brought to the excavator and dumped directly into the waiting truck. Smith excavators and loaders are used for drag-line excavating, for digging basements and loading directly into wagons or trucks on the surface, and also for grading, stripping and miscellaneous earth-handling and loading operations.



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The work contemplated consists of a masonry and earth dam 50 feet high, 38 miles of 60-inch and 35 miles of 54-inch pipe, a 78-inch tunnel 7,000 feet long, a 350,000,000 gallon storage reservoir, a 10,000,000 gallon high pressure reservoir, and approximately 7 miles of cast iron or steel force mains.

Plans and specifications will not be entirely completed before August 15th, but are now far enough advanced for contractors who contemplate bidding to look over the work. The engineers for the project are prepared to show intending bidders the location of the various works upon the ground and to give detailed information. Contractors contemplating inspecting the work should notify the engineers as far in advance as

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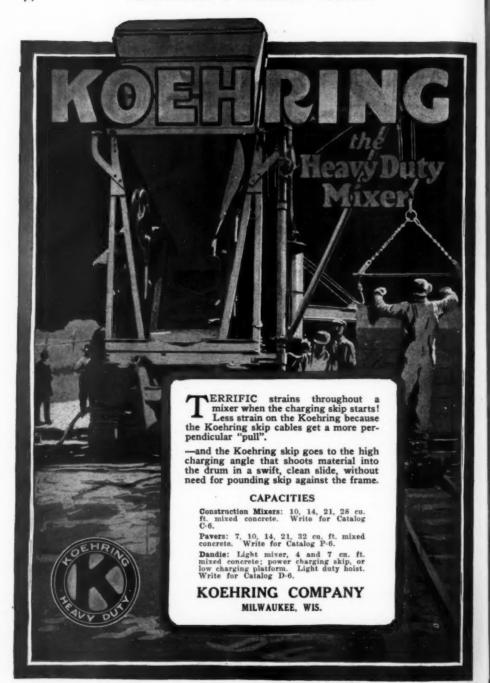
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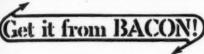
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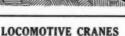
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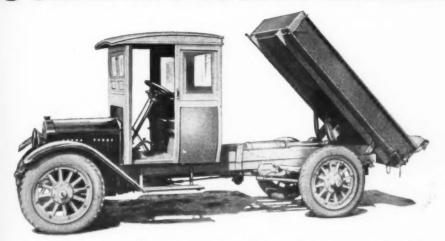
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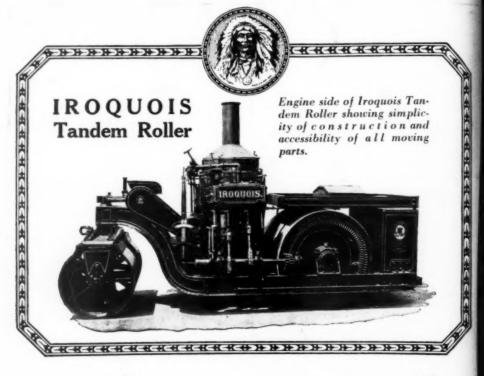
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